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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 9, substitute the following paragraph:

Referring back to Figs. 5 and 7, the filtering sections (portions) of filter 10 are designated generally by reference numerals 30 and 40. Each filtering section 30, 40 extends from the mounting section 20 and is formed by the angled component of the struts 14. Filtering section 30 converges at region 32 into tubular portion 16 while filtering section 40 converges at region 34 into tubular portion 18. Each longitudinal strut 14 extends substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the filter in the mounting section 15 as described above. The ends 25, 27 of each longitudinal strut 14 bend inwardly towards the center C of the filter 10 forming respective angled strut portions 21, 23. These angled struts 21, 23 thereby each extend both radially inwardly and axially inwardly toward the respective filtering section 30, 40. The angled struts 21, 23 have a linear portions 21a, 23a which extend from respective curved regions 21b, 23b and transitions to respective curved portions 26, 28, curved in an outward direction to transition to the respective tubular portions 16, 18 of the filtering section 30, 40. For clarity, not all of these sections of each strut 14 are labeled in the drawing, it being understood that the non-labeled struts have the same configurations.

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The tubular portions 16, 18, containing the converging regions of the filter are spaced both axially inwardly and radially inwardly from the bend regions 25, 27 which are at the end portions of the longitudinal components of the strut. (Axially inwardly is represented by arrow "a" and radially inwardly is represented by arrow "b") This can be appreciated by reference to Figure 5, wherein imaginary vertical line V1 represents the two end regions of the mounting section 15, i.e. the longitudinal component of the struts, and vertical line V2 represents the end portion of the filtering sections 30, 40. V1 and V2 can also be viewed as tangent lines to the curved region of the mounting section and the curved region of the filter sections, respectively. The distalmost end point 18a of tubular portion is proximal of the distalmost end point

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of the mounting section and the proximalmost end point of tubular portion 16a is distal of the proximalmost end point of the mounting section.